Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I understand that there are applications even from 1106 and that the fund was sanctioned in Karkadagam 1107. Will the Government be pleased to say how there was such a long delay in paying at least a few of the applications every year?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I think the answer is given in (e).

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In 1107 there might not have been so many applications as there are now. We had the whole of 1108 and no application has been disposed of.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—We had to call for applications from all those who are entitled to that concession. That took a long time.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—These applications have to be submitted before a certain date.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is not possible. Even now we are receiving applications.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Why was it not possible to fix a date?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There were so many people and they have to ascertain their cases.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—At the end of 1108 all the cases happening in that year may be asked to apply and a particular date, say 30th Chingom 1109 or some such date may be fixed upon and all the applications coming by that time may be dealt with.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It will be very hard to fix a date for the applications to be definitely dealt with.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will it not be hard still to keep people waiting from 1106 to 1109?

Appointments made in the last 4 years.

124. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of officers appointed in the last four years giving the maximum salary of the posts;

(b) the maximum salaries attached to their posts;

(c) the reasons in each case for granting the maximum salary?

Raina Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Appendix II. What made the Government to appoint an officer who was drawing a higher salary than for this post?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The main consideration for the appointment is not exactly the pay that he was drawing before and the pay he is to draw after.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why was he called away from the post of the District Judge to that of the Government Advocate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of reversion here. The permanent Government Advocate was under training.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the necessity for appointing an officer drawing Rs. 500 as District Magistrate as the Government Advocate in the grade of 250—400, giving the maximum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The appointment should not be viewed from this aspect at all. Government was anxious to get a man for the Government Advocate's post and they selected the best man available. The other points are all incidental to it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it because the Government was not in a position to get a more other competent man to hold the post of the Government Advocate than Mr. Manjuran was disturbed or asked to accept the post of the G.A.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no disturbance. Mr. Manjuran was appointed because he was considered to be the best man for this.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What special qualifications had Mr. K. A. Achyuta Menon for bringing him from a foreign service and giving a higher pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has no higher qualifications. He is a graduate. He has about 6 years service in British Government and while he was taken here he was given a higher pay.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government find only this man to fill up the job?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They can have appointed anybody else.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who the predecessor in office of Mr. Thomas Manjuran was as Government Advocate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was his post before he was appointed as Government Advocate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Acting District Judge.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what his pay was then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Special pay Rs. 500.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the pay given to him when he was made the Government Advocate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rs. 250.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there a request from him to give him the maximum pay of the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he ever given the maximum pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was not given.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—In selecting these candidates did the Government consider that giving higher salary does not come under retrenchment as explained yesterday?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think any answer is required for that.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that the Special Finance Committee recommended that the maximum pay should be given to the Government Advocate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Satyagraha volunteers arrested.

125. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the agrarian Satyagraha volunteers arrested by the Police at Ernakulam on 7th December 1933;

(b) the communities to which they belong;

(c) the place in Ernakulam where they were arrested;

(d) the time at which the arrest was made;

(e) the name or names of the officer or officers who effected the arrest?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A list is appended. (*Appendix III*).

(b) Nayar .. 1
Ezhuva .. 1
Christian .. 1
Muslims .. 18

(c) At the gate of the Diwan's new bungalow.

(d) At about 5-55 a. m. on 22nd Vrischigam 1109.

(e) Inspectors Messrs. N.A. Krishna Menon, Vytheswara Ayyar, Head Constables 260 Gopala Menon, 127 Narayanan Nayar, 537 Kochunni Menon and 477 Kochuvareed.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(e) May I know whether Vytheswara Ayyar is attached to the Ernakulam Police Station.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, he was on special duty here.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Was he on special duty to effect these arrests?

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